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1. The former German railway repair shops at Kirchmöser (Z-13) are being used by the Russians as a repair installation for armored vehicles. Twelve hundred Red Army armored force troops and about 600 German civilians are employed.
2. On 7, 8 and 9 May 1947 an average of five self-propelled guns were delivered to the workshops and a like number of repaired vehicles driven off for trials. The testing of repaired vehicles takes place in the woods between Brandenburg and Mahlenzien (Z-22).
3. On 20 May 1947 Marshal Sokolovski addressed the German employees at Kirchmöser. He explained that Turkey was threatening war against the USSR and that, therefore, the factory could not be dismantled as anticipated, but should instead work at an even greater pace.

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4. Marshal Sokolovski visited the Hillersleben (Y-51) artillery range on 5 June 1947.
5. Marshal Sokolovski attended a conference which took place in the late afternoon of 24 June at Wernigerode. Some fifty officers of the rank of major and above took part. This differentiated the conference from the usual Kreis officers' meeting at which junior officers are present.
6. On 17 June, a commanders' conference took place somewhere in Thuringia. The exact location of this conference is unknown but on that day a number of Soviet military cars carrying high-ranking officers were seen going in the direction of Ohrdruf training area. Marshal Sokolovski and Colonel Goldin, the Town Commandant of Leipzig, were present at this conference.

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